

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0213], as follows:

FIG. 18 is a flowchart illustrating an operation of the electronic device 1 when the process X is added to the third basic process. In FIG. 18, steps having operations similar to those of FIG. 13 are indicated with the same reference numerals and will not be described. As illustrated in FIG. 18, the electronic device 1 executes the process X in step S901 after step S507 in which it is determined that a relevant function application is held. In step S901, the inter-device startup arbitrating section 20 obtains startup arbitration information held by the other electronic device, and based on the startup arbitration information, determines whether or not the relevant ~~identical~~-function application determined to be held should be executed. When it is determined that the relevant ~~identical~~-function application should be executed, the electronic device 1 goes to the operation of step S508. On the other hand, when it is determined that the relevant ~~identical~~-function application should not be executed, the electronic device 1 goes to the operation of step S500.

Please amend paragraph [0214], as follows:

FIG. 19 is a flowchart illustrating an operation of the electronic device 1 when the process X is added to the fourth basic process. In FIG. 19, steps having operations similar to those of FIG. 14 are indicated with the same reference numerals and will not be described. As illustrated in FIG. 19, the electronic device 1 executes the process X in step S1001 after step S609 in which it is determined that a relevant ~~an identical~~-function application is held. In step S1001, the inter-device startup arbitrating section 20 obtains startup arbitration information held by the other electronic device, and based on the startup arbitration information, determines whether or not the relevant ~~identical~~-function application determined to be held should be executed. When it is determined that the relevant ~~identical~~-function application should be executed, the electronic device 1 goes to the operation of step S610. On the other hand, when it is determined that the relevant ~~identical~~-function application should not be executed, the electronic device 1 goes to the operation of step S600.